



# The Northeast Link

Everyone Counts in Our Community.



**The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter**  
*sponsored by the PTA*

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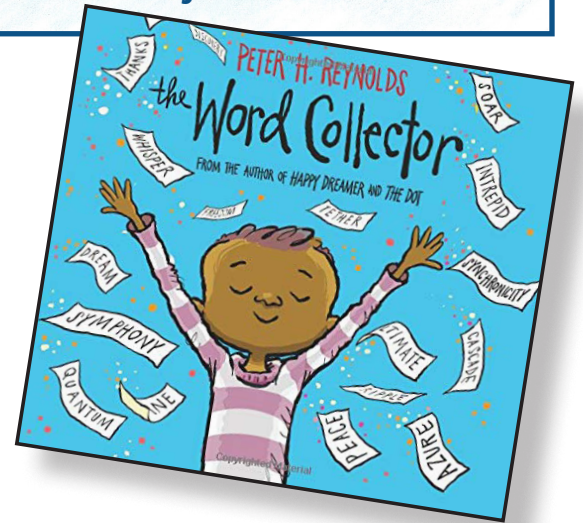
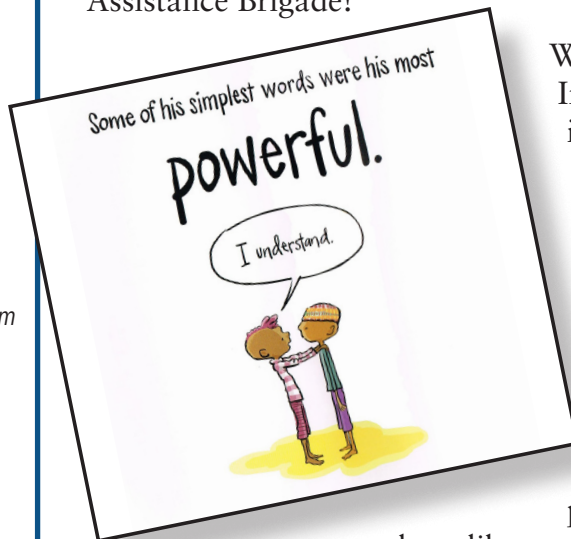
**The Deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday May 31. It will go home in backpacks by Friday June 7. Please email your submissions to [cmbarry@icloud.com](mailto:cmbarry@icloud.com) Thank you!**

From the Principal

## Hello Families!

Every day at school is exciting!

This week we had 2 playground kindness assemblies. Our student FAB team performed skits with Melissa Enns, our social worker, narrating and discussing with the audience feelings and best choices. FAB is the Friendship Assistance Brigade!



We have hired one more playground worker. If you know anyone who might be interested in working to support our students on the playground, please send them my way!

We just finished the first week of our Peter Reynolds reading challenge! Every child in the school received a copy of *The Word Collector*, courtesy of the Children's Reading Connection.

As we continue to celebrate the reading our students are doing, we will have pajama/wear school colors day on May 3rd, dress like your favorite character on May 10th, and classroom door decoration during our last week!

Thank you to all the families who responded to our drop-off/pick-up proposals. We will NOT change the bus drop-off/pick-up location this year or in the foreseeable future. But we DO want you to reach out to our Ithaca Town Board Representatives to encourage them to build a sidewalk on Christopher Lane and add a 20 mph school zone sign. You will find their contact information on the next page.



## Upcoming Events

### 2nd Grade Concert

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### SEPTA Fund Raiser

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### Staff Appreciation

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### Kindergarten Concert

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### Spring Family Fun Event

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### Bike Rodeo

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### PTA Meeting

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### CASS Park All School Trip

Coming in June

### Carnival

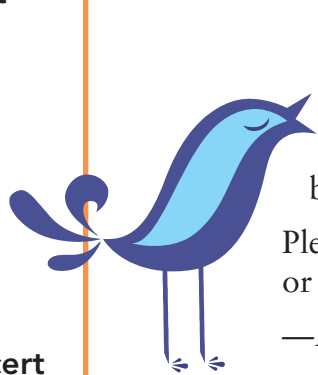
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With your feedback, we have developed a new plan. I will send an email soon about changes we will be making to this process.

Please reach out to me whenever you have questions or concerns.

—Liddy Coyle, Principal

## School Phone Numbers To Know

Main Office:  
257-2121

Attendance Line:  
257-0546

Transportation:  
274-2128

School Fax:  
257-8157

Nurse:  
266-3559

Kids Count:  
257-9400



## Box Tops Reminder:

Please help out your PTA by collecting Box Tops from participating product packages and sending them to school with your child to give to her/his teacher or to drop off at the front office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Northeast's Box Tops coordinator, Rodney Chinn, at [rawdckneesea@yahoo.com](mailto:rawdckneesea@yahoo.com).



## PTA Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>

Amanda Verba, Chief Operations Officer of ICSD will come to Northeast to discuss the upcoming Capital Project and the 2019/2020 budget vote with our community on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please come and learn more about the capital project and what is planned for Northeast and other ICSD schools.



We would like to thank the 5th-grade families that have been a part of the Northeast community for the past 6 years and some many more than that! Our PTA and the events that we provide the school community are only possible because we have many volunteers working behind the scenes to organize and run these programs. Many 5th grade parents and caregivers have volunteered to help set-up/clean-up after events, provide food for potlucks, attend meetings, and help the PTA in many valuable ways. We will miss you greatly! We would like to recognize a couple of volunteers who are leaving us with some big shoes to fill:

**Carol Barry** — Carol and her family have been a part of the NE community for 11 years. During this time, she has held many roles and helped the PTA and school in any way she could. More recently, she has single-handedly created the PTA website, improved the newsletter format and content, and created any form that we needed. Her ability to take an idea or conversation and turn it into a published piece is a skill we will miss greatly!

**Rodney Chinn** — Rodney has led the BoxTops for Education program at the school. This program has helped to raise over \$190 for the PTA this year alone. Thank you, Rodney!

**Randi Madrid** — Randi has practically organized every event for the PTA during her time at Northeast. She has taken on Staff Appreciation and Carnival (in the same year) and put on amazing events with a huge smile and a “can-do” attitude. She is literally the *Organizer of Everything!* We will miss her knowledge, expertise, and time that she gave so generously to the PTA. **Thanks to Mark as well** for volunteering to help at all of Randi’s events!

**Anne Thomas** — Anne has organized the book fairs and enrichment programs for the PTA. She changed enrichment registration from a paper form to an online system and streamlined the entire process resulting in a more equitable enrollment process.

As many families are leaving NE for Dewitt Middle School, we will have many open committee positions on the PTA. There are many different types of roles with varying time commitments. There really is a position for anyone that would like to help. Please consider donating some time to the PTA so that we may continue to enrich the opportunities for the students and staff at Northeast. There is NO experience necessary for the committee positions and many of the events have detailed instructions for what has been done in the past. If you can volunteer, please contact Laura Dolch at [laurawdolch@gmail.com](mailto:laurawdolch@gmail.com) or Abigail Costello at [abigailthomaslac@gmail.com](mailto:abigailthomaslac@gmail.com) and they can provide more details of the volunteer opportunities available. Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers!

— *The 2018-2019 Executive Board,*  
*Kim, Sarah, Alyssa, and Abby*

**The Northeast PTA will hold elections for 2019-2020 executive committee members at the general meeting on Monday June 3rd at 6pm. Please contact nominating committee representative Laura Dolch at [laurawdolch@gmail.com](mailto:laurawdolch@gmail.com) by May 19 if you are interested in running for a PTA board position.**

## The Large Athletic Field Next to the School will be Closed All Summer for Maintenance!

Ithaca City School District will be improving our athletic field over the summer, therefore the field will be closed.

### Please spread the word!

If you know of an organization that uses that field during the summer, please let them know they will need to make other arrangements. If you have questions, please contact Samantha Little at the ICSD Athletic Office. [slittle@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:slittle@icsd.k12.ny.us), (607) 274-2155

### Bright Red Bookshelf™



## Support Reading: Donate Books!

We are always in need of gently used books. Please drop them in the red box by the Bright Red Bookshelf. We appreciate all the books that have been donated.

Thanks to your generosity, Northeast kids have enjoyed hours of reading.

## Northeast Music News and Notes: May 2019

Northeast Musicians are filling the air with Spring Concert songs, Puppet Opera compositions, and lots of ukulele tunes! It is a busy and fun time for all!

Northeast Fifth Grade musicians have the opportunity to fine-tune their Ukulele skills by joining Uke Club. This group meets from 7:40--8:10AM, in the Northeast Music room, once weekly (on the day when the homeroom group has Music class). We're looking forward to some lively music making!

As Fourth Graders work on their Science case study, students will complete an analysis of Schubert's composition, "The Trout". This includes melodic and rhythmic mapping, identifying & graphing orchestration, and discussion of the setting for the piece, as well as how the melodic line 'represents', in musical form, the lively movements of the fish.

Also, Northeast Fourth Grade musicians are learning to play as an ensemble, with students choosing to work on electric bass, drum kit, ukulele or keyboards. This has been an exciting way to culminate our learning for the year!

Northeast music students in Kindergarten through Grade Three are rehearsing their Puppet Opera performances and polishing their original Puppet Opera Preludes. Our Puppet Operas are based on folk and fairy tales, with music & sound effects created by each music class. It's a great way to learn about Music composition! Our special thanks go to Ms. O'Connor-Ballantyne, a composer from Ithaca College. for working with some of our Second Grade composers to create their original compositions.

### Upcoming Music events for May, 2019:

SPRING CONCERTS, 2018		
Thursday, May 2nd	6:30PM	Grade 2
Thursday, May 9th	1:15PM	Kindergarten

We also have two more in the Family Uke series, returning by popular request:

Family UKE Nights 6:30 – 7:15PM
Thursday, May 16th
Thursday, May 23rd

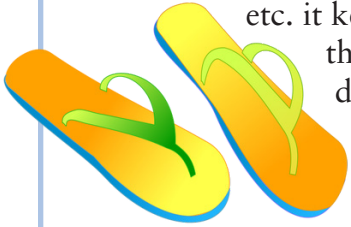
*We're looking forward to sharing our Music with you! As always, we welcome visitors to Music class, at any time!*

—Karla Notarianni,  
Northeast Elementary, School General Music Teacher  
[knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us) (607) 257-2121



## News From The Nurse

In honor of Earth Day, Nurse Cindy is collecting gently used shoes, sneakers, flip-flops, Crocs, slippers, etc. it keeps them out of the landfills and the footwear will then be donated to a local fund drive which packages the footwear and sends it to other countries for people to help them develop a small business in repairing and selling the footwear.



There will be a box in the front hallway to collect these for two months, beginning on Monday, May 6, 2019 thru Friday June 21, 2019.



Thank you for cleaning out your closets and donating your unwanted footwear to save the planet and to help others!



## Staff Appreciation

Our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon is Wednesday, May 8th. A letter and a sign up sheet should have come home in your child's backpack last week. Please consider donating food, money and/or your time to this much loved annual event. Watch for a NE PTA listserv email with a SignUp Genius link, or contact [jessarene@gmail.com](mailto:jessarene@gmail.com) to sign up.

Also for staff appreciation, we are coordinating a "Chalk the Walk" event on Monday, May 6th from 2pm to 3:30pm. Come pick up your child and meet us at the back entrance where we'll write supportive messages to uplift our amazing NE staff. There will be pop-sicles for all participants!

— *Thanks for your help,*  
*The Staff Appreciation Committee*

## Enrichment

The Spring Enrichment session is underway with our biggest session in my memory — 17 classes! We hope your child enjoys them and welcome any feedback, or suggestions for future classes.

Enrichment is organized entirely by PTA volunteers. If you appreciate the program, consider helping out next year! We could use 1-2 more dedicated people on the team to make lighter work all around, and especially would like someone to take over instructor recruitment. It is a big job, but really makes a difference at the school.

We also have smaller jobs available too, so ask if you are interested! Contact us at [northeastenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:northeastenrichment@gmail.com).

## Missing Items?

Check the "Lost and Found" located just outside the cafeteria. The school has collected jackets, sweatshirts, hats, snow pants, gloves, water bottles, lunch boxes and more!





## Northeast Credit Union

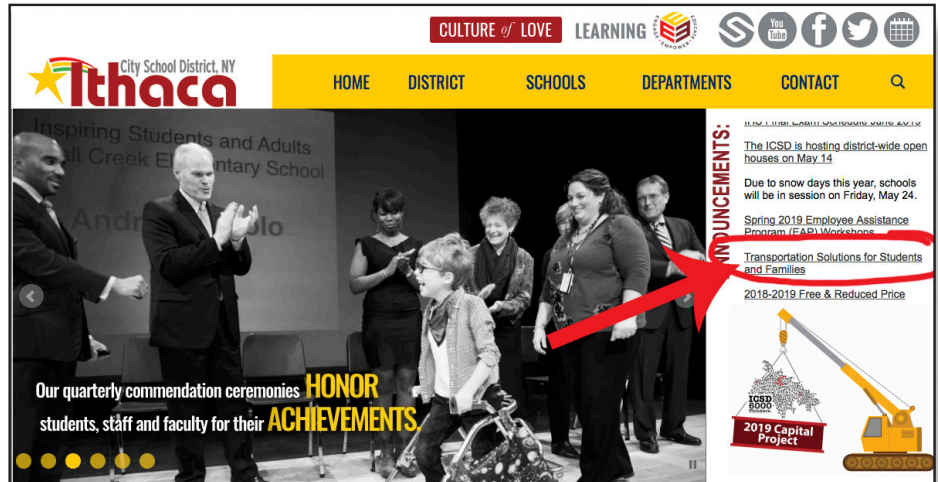
Open Every Wednesday!

Our volunteers will be in the lobby from 7:40-8am to help students make a deposit (no matter how small) and assist with new accounts.

For more information, please contact Tina ([tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de](mailto:tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de))



## Family Liaison



## Hello Northeast Families!

Happy Spring! I have a great resource to share: The ICSD home-page has a new link to directly connect families to transportation support. If you ever need a ride to a school event, check out the easy form to complete through RED Ride. For more information about Red Rides, contact me at [Mackenzie.Torelli@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:Mackenzie.Torelli@icsd.k12.ny.us) or Carrie at [redschoolrides@gmail.com](mailto:redschoolrides@gmail.com) and by calling 607-659-5003. While they need a few days notice, it's a great option if you need a ride!

Enjoy the sunshine and spring green popping up everywhere,

— Mackenzie Torelli

NE family and transportation liaison

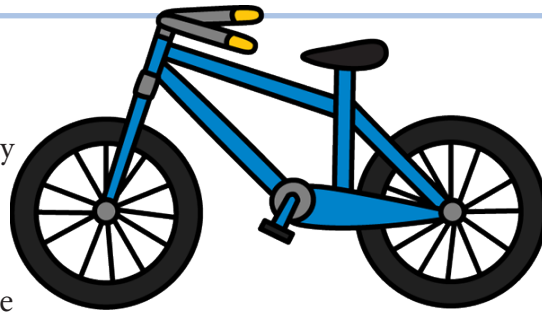
## Please Keep Sending Boots to School with Your Child!

Warmer spring weather is on it's way, but all of the rain is leaving the fields and playgrounds very wet and muddy. Boots (or out-door shoes) help keep feet dry and classrooms free of mud. Consider continuing to send snow pants to school in backpacks, the extra layer will keep your child clean and dry. Extra pairs of dry socks are helpful too!

**Please label all of your child's belongings!**

## Bike Rodeo

The bike rodeo, sponsored by our PTA, is an opportunity for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade to ride a short bike course on the large basketball court at Northeast School. State Troopers set up the course and instruct on safe bike riding, proper signaling, and other safety tips.



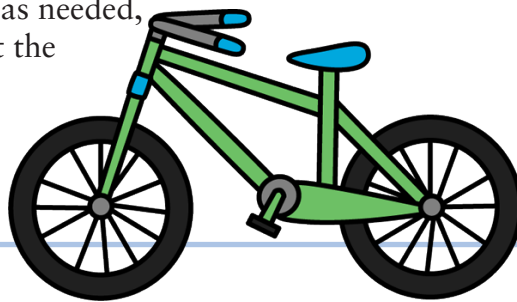
The bike rodeo will be held on Friday, May 31st from approximately 8:00-12:00. Helmets must be used. New bike riders and experienced riders all will have a fun, safe time. Bikes can be brought to school on that

Friday morning—look for signs outside the school to park your bike by grade.

Bikes can also be dropped off Thursday evening (May 30), from 6:00-7:00pm--use the front entrance and leave your labeled bike in the gym. (Please label bikes and helmets with your child's name and teacher.)

So everyone can participate, there will be loaner bikes and helmets available to students as needed, unless parents/guardians alert the school otherwise.

**See you at the Bike Rodeo!**



## Don't Forget To Wear Your Helmet!

If you ride your bike, scooter, skateboard or roller blade to school, you **MUST** wear a helmet.

## Please Don't Park in the Staff Parking Lot While Dropping Off Your Children

Parking for our staff is extremely limited. They need access to every available space. Thank You!

## Classroom Supplies Needed!

Some classrooms are running out of black dry erase markers, glue sticks, tissues and other supplies. Check with your child's teacher to see if there is anything needed. If you would like to make a donation, please send them to the main office.

## How do I Volunteer for the PTA?

1. Answer a call for volunteers on the listserv and in this newsletter
2. Contact committee leaders listed on the website
3. Email a board member so they can match a job to your interests

**NORTHEAST KIDS COUNT INC  
SUMMER PROGRAM 2019**



Northeast KIDS COUNT, Inc.  
PO Box 3874  
Ithaca, NY 14852-3874  
[www.northeastkidscount.com](http://www.northeastkidscount.com)

**\*\*\*Tuition discount if received by June 10th \*\*\***

Northeast KIDS COUNT is excited to offer three weeks of summer camp this year:

**July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 5<sup>th</sup> (closed July 4) - Week 1**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup> - July 12<sup>th</sup> - Week 2**  
**August 19<sup>th</sup> - August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Week 3**



Based at Northeast Elementary School, 425 Winthrop Drive.  
**Camp runs daily 8:00am - 5:00pm**

Open to anyone, not just Northeast students!

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis, and is limited to 50 children per week.

Please note: **Enrollment per week must meet 35 kids in order to run camp.**

The cost is:

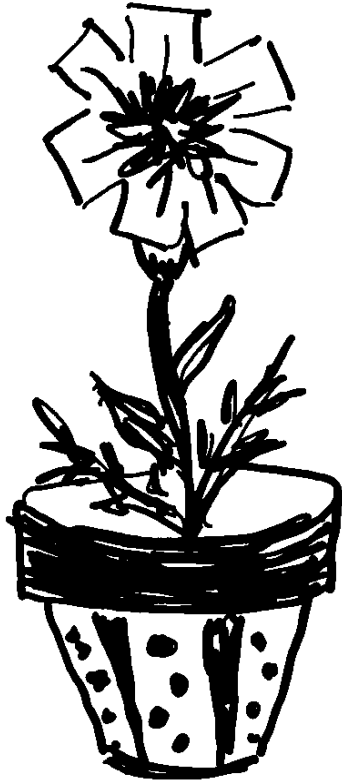
**Week 1 - \$185.00, after June 10<sup>th</sup> - \$205.00**

**Week 2 and Week 3 - \$230.00, after June 10<sup>th</sup> - \$250.00**

**You can find a registration form on our website**  
**[www.northeastkidscount.com](http://www.northeastkidscount.com)**



Our Spring Family Fun Event is  
Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7 pm



Come paint a flower pot!

All materials will be provided for each child to paint a flower pot and then plant a flower to grow and thrive in the coming months. Feel free to bring some old pots from home to decorate, if you like. There is no charge to participate.

For questions contact Alyssa Mack [amamamack@gmail.com](mailto:amamamack@gmail.com)

# Northeast Carnival is June 21st!



Looking for a good cause to do some spring cleaning? We are collecting prizes for the famous prize wheel! Boxes are by the N.E. door waiting for your gently used toys, stuffed animals and any other items that would make a good prize.

**AND we still need people to help with the planning and pre-event details. Please email Alyssa Mack if you're up for helping out - [amamamack@gmail.com](mailto:amamamack@gmail.com)**



Help raise funds for Ithaca City School District's  
Special Education PTA (SEPTA)

# DOUG'S FISH FRY TO GO



**When:**  
Monday, May 6  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Where:**  
CFCU East Hill  
Plaza  
1022 Ellis Hollow Rd., Ithaca, NY

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Grab lunch or dinner to go  
and support a great cause!

Order at the  
food truck

or

Order in  
advance

Call 607-423-5996 ext. 2  
between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
(see menu on next page)



What is "SEPTA"? - SEPTA is a group of parents, caregivers, and professionals with ties to children with special needs, as well as others who want to learn more about children with special needs. This organization falls under the umbrella of the Ithaca Parent Teacher Association.



Daily Specials offered at all To-Go Locations

**Doug's To Go 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**607-423-5996**

These Items Are Offered On Our Trailer Daily

**- FISH -**

Sandwich - Just the fish on a bun ..... \$8.32  
Fish Dinner - Fish, Fries, and Slaw ..... \$13.78

**- SHRIMP -**

Portion - Just some breaded shrimp .....\$10.92  
Fries Dinner - Shrimp, Fries and Slaw.....\$16.38

**- SCALLOPS -**

Portion - Just some breaded Scallops ...\$14.04  
Fries Dinner - Scallop, Fries, and Slaw.....\$19.50

**- SIDES -**

Fresh cut fries .....\$3.12  
Coleslaw .....\$2.34

**WEEKLY SPECIALS**

Wednesday - Clam Strips Portion .....\$8.32  
Clam Strips Dinner .....\$13.78  
Thursday - Onion Rings .....\$4.68  
Saturday - Oyster Portion .....\$14.04  
Oyster Dinner.....\$19.50

**All Prices Include Tax**